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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Examiner's action mailed May 9, 2002 (Paper No. 5), please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Pursuant to the Request for Extension of Time enclosed herewith, the time period for response has been extended two (2) months, to expire October 9, 2002.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 36, 37, 39, 40, and 56-73.